

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A drill bit comprising:

a shaft having a proximal end with a first opening, a distal end with a second opening and a beveled cutting surface; and a distal end with a beveled cutting surface and a second opening, wherein the beveled cutting surface comprises a slot;

a lumen inside the shaft that extends between first and second openings, and that receives debris entering the first opening as a result of operation of the cutting surface; and an extended open slot disposed in the shaft, and having a length greater than a diameter of the lumen.

15. (previously presented) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the slot is contiguous with the second opening.

16. (currently amended) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the cutting surface terminates in a distal tip, and a proximal end of the slot is about 0.10 to 0.125 inches from the distal tip slot is at a distal end from the first opening.

17. (previously presented) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the slot is axially extended from the second opening.

18. (previously presented) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the shaft is substantially smooth.

19. (currently amended) A method of injecting a substance into a bone, comprising:
| using a drill bit according to claim 14 to drill a hole in the bone; and
| injecting the substance into the proximal opening.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, comprising using a hypodermic needle to inject the substance.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the substance comprises a medication.

22. (previously presented) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the shaft is disposed in an elongated hub.

23. (previously presented) The drill bill of claim 22, wherein the lumen is extended from proximal and distal ends of the hub.

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